

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in Joint Session to receive a State of the Union Address from the President of the United States.

Senate passed S. 1, Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S841–S874.

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 329–341, and S. Res. 40–46. **Pages S866–67**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 40, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

S. Res. 41, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. Res. 42, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.

S. Res. 45, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. Res. 46, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. 94, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

S. 163, to prevent catastrophic failure or shutdown of remote diesel power engines due to emission control devices.

S. 268, to reauthorize the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and certain wildlife conservation funds, to establish prize competitions relating to the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking, wildlife conservation, the management of invasive species, and the protection of endangered species, to amend the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 to modify the protections provided by that Act.

S. 310, to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act. **Page S866**

Measures Passed:

Major Brent Taylor Vet Center Outstation: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from

further consideration of S. 49, to designate the outstation of the Department of Veterans Affairs in North Ogden, Utah, as the Major Brent Taylor Vet Center Outstation, and the bill was then passed.

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Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act: By 77 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 16), Senate passed S. 1, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S843–47**

Adopted:

Menendez (for Risch) Amendment No. 98 (to Amendment No. 97), to provide for a classified annex to be submitted with the report on the cooperation of the United States and Israel with respect to countering unmanned aerial systems.

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Risch Amendment No. 97, to clarify the deadline for the reporting requirement relating to the establishment of a Jordan Enterprise Fund. **Page S852**

National FFA Organization's Federal Charter Amendments Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 439, to amend the charter of the Future Farmers of America, and the bill was then passed. **Page S873**

National Stalking Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 44, raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of stalking by designating January 2019 as "National Stalking Awareness Month".

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Measures Considered:

Natural Resources Management Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to

proceed to consideration of S. 47, to provide for the management of the natural resources of the United States. **Page S858**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 17), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S858**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, with all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks counting post-cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S847**

Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session. **Page S873**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the State of the Union delivered to a Joint Session of Congress on February 5, 2019; which was ordered to lie on the table. (PM–3) **Pages S862–66**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 5 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- Routine lists in the Marine Corps.

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Measures Read the First Time: **Page S866**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S872–73**

Notices of Intent: **Page S873**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S873**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—17) **Pages S852, S858**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:35 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S847.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

VETERANS AFFAIRS' ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine an implementation update on the Department of Veterans Affairs' electronic health record modernization, after receiving testimony from James Byrne, General Counsel, performing the duties of Deputy Secretary, and John Windom, Executive Director, Laura Kroupa, Chief Medical Officer (Acting), and John Short, Chief Technology Integration Officer, each of the Office of Electronic Health Record Modernization, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the United States Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Joseph L. Votel, USA, Commander, United States Central Command, Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 42) authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 45) authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress.

Also, Committee adopted its rules of procedure, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Energy: Senators Cassidy (Chair), Risch, Lee, Daines, Gardner, Hyde-Smith, McSally, Alexander, Hoeven, Heinrich, Wyden, Cantwell, Sanders, Stabenow, Hirono, King, and Cortez Masto.